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Public Health Department,
Municipal Buildings,
Old Hill,
Staffs.

September, 1961.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
for the Borough of Rowley Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1960, in which is incorporated the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector. The report is prepared in accordance with instructions contained in the Ministry of Health Circular dated January, 1961.

From a study of the Vital Statistics it will be seen that there has been an increase in both the Birth Rate and Death Rate. The Birth Rate was 13.11 per 1,000 population (12.19 in 1959) and the Death Rate was 10.26 per 1,000 population (9.32 in 1959). Twelve deaths were registered in children under the age of one year, eleven of which occurred during the first four weeks of life. The Infant Mortality rate was 19.01 per 1,000 live births (14.95 in 1959).

There was a marked decrease in the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified as compared with the preceding year, 115 cases as against 801. This was due in the main to the fact that there were only 11 cases of measles notified as compared with 687 in 1959. By referring to the part of the report dealing with Poliomyelitis Vaccination it will be seen that 1,075 children of school age and under received a primary course of vaccination against Poliomyelitis and in addition 4,462 received "booster" doses. In addition 414 persons over school age received a primary course of immunisation and 1,796 received "booster" doses. There were no notifications of Poliomyelitis during the year.

As in past years the routine work of the Department was satisfactorily carried out by the Public Health Inspectors under the able direction of Mr. F. T. Harrison, the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Once again it is my pleasure to place on record my appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation of my staff and of the help and consideration so willingly given by the members of the Council, especially those who serve as members of the Public Health

Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

F. ASKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

as at 31st December, 1960.

Chairman: Councillor N. E. Thorne.

Vice-Chairman: Alderman T. Deeley.

His Worship the Mayor Alderman D. Gilbert, Aldermen Mrs. P. Pritchard and S. Walker, Councillors Mrs. M. Cockin, E. S. Greenway, D. Harty, Mrs. E. Matthews, J. T. Millington, V. W. Wakeman, W. H. Walker, A. Westwood, B. Willetts and C. Williams.

MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

on the

ROWLEY REGIS AREA HEALTH COMMITTEE

Aldermen T. Deeley, J.P., Mrs. P. Pritchard, S. Walker, Councillors Mrs. E. Matthews and D. Underhill.

*Councillors A. J. Barker, C.C., and D. Harty.

*Note: These members were appointed by the Staffordshire County Council.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:-

FRANK ASKER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:-

FREDERICK T. HARRISON, D.P.A., M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate, Smoke Inspector's Certificate, Certificate of Institute of Sanitary Engineers, Royal Sanitary Institute Sanitary Science Certificate.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:-

LEONARD COOMBES, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate and Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:-

LASHFORD R. TURBIN, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate and Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate.

BASIL HORACE JOHN RICHARDS, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate and Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

KENNETH F. WESTON, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Certificate, Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate and Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

Student/Clerk : David A. Baker.

Clerks: Miss D. Morgan, Chief Clerk.
Miss T. Shaw.
Miss B. Rawlings.
Miss M. Hawker.

GENERAL STATISTICS

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Population (Registrar General's Estimate mid-year 1960) | 49,470 |
| Population (Census) | 49,409 |
| Number of inhabited houses (at 31st December, 1960 according to the Rate Books) | 15,560 |
| Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1960) | £564,885 |
| Product of a Penny Rate for the year 1960-61 ... | £2,336. 6. 9½d. |

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Although parts of the Tividale and Rowley Regis Wards are agricultural in character, the district is essentially an industrial one. The manufacture of iron goods, such as nails, rivets, tubes, shovels, chains and anchors, holloware, electrical fittings, being amongst the chief industries. A hard basaltic rock known as 'Rowley Rag' is quarried from the hills and is largely used for paving and channelling purposes.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS:

| | | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | ... .. | 331 | 300 | 631 |
| Illegitimate | ... .. | 7 | 11 | 18 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | 338 | 311 | 649 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

STILL BIRTHS: Male 9 Female - Total 9

Rate per 1,000 population 0.18

Rate per 1,000 live and still births 13.67

DEATHS:

Male Female Total

265 243 508

*Death Rate per 1,000 population 10.26

Deaths from puerperal causes NIL

Rate per 1,000 live and still births -

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

All Infants: 12 Legitimate: 12 Illegitimate -

Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births 18.49

Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate
live births 19.01

Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000
illegitimate live births NIL

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age:

All Infants: 11 Legitimate: 11 Illegitimate -

* It will be apparent that the Birth and Death Rate of any area is bound to be influenced by the age and sex distribution of the population so that in order that truer comparisons can be made between one area and another the actual Birth and Death Rates are multiplied by a number called the "comparability factor" the result being known as the Corrected Birth or Death Rate. These "comparability factors" are supplied by the Registrar General and are based on the age and sex distribution of the population as shown by the census. For Rowley Regis they are as follows:-

Comparability Factor for births 0.95 and for deaths 1.39 and the corrected Birth Rate is 12.454 per 1,000 population, and the corrected Death Rate is 14.26 per 1,000 population.

Deaths from:

| | |
|---|---|
| Whooping Cough (all ages) | - |
| Measles (all ages) | - |
| Diphtheria | - |
| Meningococcal infection | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | - |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | - |

BIRTHS

The total live births accredited to Rowley Regis during the year under review was 649 an increase of 47 on the preceding year. The birth rate for the area was 13.11 which figure is lower than that for the whole of the country (viz. 17.1). Of these 649 births, 18 were illegitimate (7 male and 11 female).

REGISTRAR - GENERAL'S SHORT LIST OF CAUSES
OF DEATH IN THIS AREA

| Cause of Death | M. | F. | Total |
|--|-----|-----|-------|
| ALL CAUSES | 265 | 243 | 508 |
| Tuberculosis Respiratory ... | 2 | - | 2 |
| Tuberculosis, other ... | - | - | - |
| Syphilitic Disease ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Diphtheria ... | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough ... | - | - | - |
| Meningococcal Infections ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Acute Poliomyelitis ... | - | - | - |
| Measles ... | - | - | - |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | - | - | - |
| Malignant neoplasm stomach ... | 10 | 9 | 19 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 22 | 1 | 23 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast ... | - | 12 | 12 |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... | - | 3 | 3 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm | 18 | 21 | 39 |
| Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Diabetes ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 28 | 42 | 70 |
| Coronary Disease, Angina ... | 45 | 42 | 87 |
| Hypertension with Heart Disease ... | 8 | 11 | 19 |
| Other Heart Disease ... | 39 | 49 | 88 |
| Other Circulatory disease ... | 12 | 5 | 17 |
| Influenza ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Pneumonia ... | 12 | 9 | 21 |
| Bronchitis ... | 21 | 5 | 26 |
| Other disease of respiratory system | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Nephritis and nephrosis ... | - | 2 | 2 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate ... | 4 | - | 4 |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... | - | - | - |
| Congenital malformations ... | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 14 | 14 | 28 |
| Motor vehicle accidents ... | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| All other accidents ... | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Suicide ... | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Homicide and operations of war ... | - | - | - |

GENERAL REMARKS ON THE DEATH RATE

508 deaths were recorded in Rowley Regis in 1960. The general rate showed an increase, viz. 10.26 as compared with 9.32 in 1959. The highest number of deaths were attributable to the following causes:-

| | | |
|--|--------|-----|
| Diseases of the Heart and Circulation | ... | 194 |
| Cancer | ... .. | 97 |
| Respiratory disease (excluding Tuberculosis) | | 54 |
| Diseases of the Nervous System | ... .. | 70 |

ABNORMAL SICKNESS OR MORTALITY

There has been no unusual excessive mortality during the year nor have the occupations or environment of the district had any demonstrably detrimental effect upon the public health.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological and pathological examination of clinical material, water, milk and foodstuffs is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, which is under the direction of Dr. Mackay-Skolley. Chemical analysis is carried out at the County Chemical Laboratory under the direction of A. Houlbrooke, Esq., M.Sc., F.R.I.C., County Analyst.

Ambulance Facilities

Ambulances are provided by the County Council for the transport of infectious and non-infectious cases. The service is free and available at any hour of the day or night.

Hospital Facilities

There are no hospitals sited in the Borough so that the inhabitants have to use those situated in neighbouring areas. The chief ones are the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge; the Guest Hospital, Dudley and the City of Birmingham Hospitals.

Infectious Diseases

The majority of cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to the Moxley Isolation Hospital Wednesbury. No difficulty is experienced in removing cases.

Tuberculosis

The care and treatment of Tuberculosis is the responsibility of Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. Clinics are held daily at Parsons Street, Dudley. Sanatoria are situated at Prestwood, Kinver and Himley.

Clinics and Treatment Centres

School clinics and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics etc., are provided by the County Council and are held at Mace Street Clinic, Carlyle Road Clinic and Public Offices, Tividale.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

(a) Maternal Mortality. No maternal deaths occurred during the year.

(b) Infantile Mortality. 12 deaths were registered in children under 1 year of which 11 occurred under the age of 4 weeks. The infantile mortality rate of 18.49 was higher than the figure for 1959 which was 14.95.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 115 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1960 as compared with 801 in 1959. The following table shows the actual number of cases of the various types of diseases which were notified during the year together with the number after correction.

| Disease | Number notified | Number after correction |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Scarlet Fever ... | 24 | 24 |
| Whooping Cough ... | 54 | 54 |
| Poliomyelitis - Paralytic | - | - |
| Poliomyelitis - Non-Paralytic | - | - |
| Measles ... | 11 | 11 |
| Diphtheria ... | - | - |
| Meningococcal Infections | - | - |
| Pneumonia ... | - | - |
| Erysipelas ... | 1 | 1 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... | - | - |
| Dysentery ... | 1 | 1 |
| Tuberculosis - Respiratory | 20 | 20 |
| Tuberculosis - Non-Respiratory | 3 | 3 |
| Food Poisoning ... | 1 | 1 |

SCARLET FEVER. There were 24 cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the year as compared with 53 cases in 1959. 3 cases were removed to Hospital, the remainder being treated at home. The disease was of a mild type and there were no deaths. Cases are only removed to Hospital if they cannot be properly treated at home, or if there are reasons in the Public interest why they should be isolated in Hospital.

WHOOPING COUGH. There were 54 cases of whooping cough notified (17 in 1959) 2 of which were removed to Hospital. There were no deaths from this disease. 400 children were immunised against Whooping Cough during the year.

POLIOMYELITIS. No cases of poliomyelitis were notified in the district during the year.

MEASLES. There were 11 cases of measles notified during the year (687 in 1959). There were no deaths from this disease.

DIPHTHERIA. There were no cases of Diphtheria during the year. There can be no doubt that this low incidence is the result of the vigorous immunisation that has been carried out during the past years.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. This is carried out by the County Council either by their Medical Officers or by arrangement with medical practitioners. The following statistics with reference to immunisation have been supplied by Dr. W. A. McLennan, Area Medical Officer.

| Rowley Regis | Age at date of final injection (as regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B) | | | |
|--|---|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| | Under 1 year | 1 - 4 years | 5 - 14 years | Total |
| A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the year ended 31st December, 1960. | 156 | 290 | 372 | 818 |
| B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection during the year ended 31st December, 1960. | - | 9 | 674 | 683 |

TUBERCULOSIS. There were 20 notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 3 of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year as compared with 20 and 2 during 1959. There were 2 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (4 in 1959). The following table shows the new cases in the various age groups, and also the deaths.

| Age Periods Years | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 0 - 5 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 24 | 1 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 44 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - 64 | 10 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| 65 and over | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 16 | 4 | 3 | - | 2 | - | - | - |

Home visiting of these cases is carried out by the County Council Health Visitors and copies of their reports are supplied to me.

Information as to any sanitary defect or overcrowding is contained in these reports which enables us to take any necessary action to abate them. Cases of overcrowding are reported through to the Housing Department with a recommendation re re-housing and wherever possible the Estates Management Committee have granted the tenancy of a Council House. Close and effective co-operation exists between the Public Health Department and the Housing Department.

The following table shows the number of cases admitted to hospitals during the year:-

| Name of Institution | Number of admissions | Number of discharges |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Prestwood Sanatorium | 16 | 15 |
| The Limes, Himley | 1 | 2 |
| Knightwick Sanatorium | 1 | 1 |

MASS MINIATURE RADIOGRAPHY

No surveys were carried out during the year in this area.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

This service is carried out by the County Council and I am indebted to Dr. W. A. McLennan, Area Medical Officer, for the following information.

The table set out below show the Poliomyelitis vaccinations carried out in the Borough during the year ended 31st December, 1960.

| Year of Birth | Primary Course | | Total | Year of Birth | Boost Injection | | |
|------------------|----------------|-----|-------|------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| | M. | F. | | | M. | F. | Total |
| 1944 to 1960 | 550 | 525 | 1,075 | 1944 to 1960 | 2,236 | 2,226 | 4,462 |
| 1934 to 1943 | 115 | 198 | 313 | 1934 to 1943 | 712 | 1,042 | 1,754 |
| 1921 to 1933 | 398 | 659 | 1,057 | 1921 to 1933 | 157 | 232 | 389 |
| Born before 1921 | 34 | 67 | 101 | Born before 1921 | 17 | 25 | 42 |

SMALL POX VACCINATION

There were no cases of small pox notified during the year. 116 children under the age of 5 years were vaccinated in 1960.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF EMPLOYEES

During the year, 34 entrants to the Corporation's employment were examined as to fitness for inclusion in the Superannuation and Sick Pay Schemes.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No persons were removed to hospital under the above Act during the year 1960.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Rowley Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval my seventh Annual Report which under its respective headings shows steady if not spectacular progress. It is not our privilege in health administration to witness immediate and far reaching benefits to the Public we serve, but a little sober reflection can remind us that we no longer suffer the so recent outbreaks of infectious disease, that the past five years have seen us rehouse nearly five hundred families from slum dwellings, that slaughterhouses will soon be places fit to produce the high quality food we are entitled to expect and that in the last seven years we have experienced no outbreak of foodpoisoning.

One could wish for a change of heart by the Council in its attitude to Smoke Control Areas and no doubt this will come when the present unrest respecting boundaries and functions is resolved.

Refuse collection is suffering a temporary setback due to the long awaited delivery of a new vehicle to inaugurate an additional round and relieve the somewhat onerous duties of the existing employees. Nevertheless the service gives rise to very few complaints from the public.

My grateful thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of your Health Committee for their keen interest and encouragement and to Chief Officers, Staff and Employees of the Health Department for co-operation and loyal service.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. T. HARRISON,

Chief Public Health Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

- (i) The water is supplied by The South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, and is satisfactory in both (a) quantity and (b) quality.

This water is supplied to the Company in bulk from Birmingham, where the principal source of supply is obtained from the gathering ground of the rivers Elan and Claerwen in Mid-Wales.

- (ii) There is a piped water supply throughout the district except as follows:-

117-118, Corngreaves Road, Cradley Heath.

The following samples were taken by the Department:-

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 117, Corngreaves Road | 2 Chemical | Satisfactory |
| (Well) | 2 Bacteriological | Unsatisfactory |
| Municipal Buildings, Old Hill. | 1 Bacteriological | Satisfactory |
| (Mains) | | |

- (iii) The water is not of an acidic nature; and

- (iv) No action for contamination was necessary.

- (v) The Public water mains supply direct is as follows:

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|--------|
| (a) Houses | ... | ... | 15,560 |
| (b) Population | ... | ... | 49,470 |

By means of standpipes:

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----|
| (a) No. of standpipes | ... | 7 |
| (b) No. of houses supplied | | 10 |

The standpipes are in close proximity to the houses which are scheduled as unfit and are being dealt with.

OPEN AIR SWIMMING BATH

Haden Hill Park: Fill and Empty Bath, water changed weekly from the public supply during the summer months. Manual chlorination. Although carefully supervised, this type of bath is unsatisfactory from a Public Health standpoint.

53 Lovibond Comparator tests give 51 satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory results.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The greater part of the sewage passes down the Upper Stour Valley Main Sewerage Board's sewers, and is dealt with on the land irrigation principle at Whittington, Near Stourbridge, the effluent being discharged into the River Stour.

A small sewage disposal works is in use at Tividale, the effluent being discharged into a tributary of the Tame.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

No new pollution was reported during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICES

There are 34 cesspools within the Borough and these are emptied regularly by a gully emptier from the Borough Surveyor's Department.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The vehicles available for this service are listed hereunder:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Diesel Fore and Aft S. & D. Tippers | 1959, 1957 and 1955. |
| 1 Petrol Fore and Aft S. & D. Tipper | 1952. |
| 2 Petrol Side Loading S. & D. | 1951 and 1948 (spare) |
| 1 County Crawler for disposal work, | |

and employees include six drivers and fifteen loaders to handle a total of 16,732 bins.

As soon as delivery of a new vehicle is effected, a new round of one driver and loader will be added to relieve pressure on the existing five teams.

With little exception a weekly service was in operation throughout the year.

STATISTICS

| | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|--|
| The number of bins and pails in the Borough on 31st December, 1960. | | | The total number of trade refuse bins collected during the financial year 1959/60 and charged for at the rate of ninepence each. |
| <u>Round</u> | <u>Bins</u> | <u>Pails</u> | |
| 1 | 3,327 | - | 2,956 |
| 2 | 3,287 | 9 | 4,396 |
| 3 | 3,272 | 1 | 1,627 |
| 4 | 3,679 | 24 | 1,147 |
| 5 | 3,167 | 19 | 673 |
| TOTALS | 16,732 | 53 | 10,799 |

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

1959 - 60

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Area (statute acres) | 3,793 |
| Population (Est. June 1959) | 49,350 |
| Total refuse collected (Tons) actual | 13,647 |
| Weight (cwts) per 1,000 population per day (365 days to year) | 15.15 |
| Number of premises from which refuse is collected | 16,023 |
| Average haul (miles) by <u>collection</u> vehicle to disposal point (single journey) | 2½ |
| Total refuse disposed of | 13,903 tons |
| Methods of disposal (salvage excluded):- Controlled tipping | 100% |

Method of collection : 5 mechanical vehicles

Number of employees:-

Collection : 20. Disposal : 1. Foreman : 1.

Salvage and Trade Refuse
and tonnage:-

Analysis of Income

| | <u>Income</u> <u>1959 - 60</u> | <u>Tonnage Collected</u> <u>1959 - 60</u> | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------|
| | £ | Tons. | Cwts. |
| Salvage: | | | |
| Scrap metal | 5 | 2. | 0. |
| Waste paper | 1,717 | 247. | 0. |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 1,722 | 249. | 0. |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Trade refuse | £ 569 | 521 tons | |
| | | (including | |
| | | 256 tons | |
| | | disposal only) | |

COST STATEMENT

| Particulars | | 1959 - 60 | | |
|-------------|---|------------|----------|--------|
| | | Collection | Disposal | Totals |
| 1. | GROSS EXPENDITURE: | £ | £ | £ |
| | (i) Labour | 13,302 | - | 13,302 |
| | (ii) Transport | 9,993 | 674 | 10,667 |
| * | (iii) Plant, equipment, land and buildings | 858 | 310 | 1,168 |
| | (iv) Other items | 903 | 207 | 1,110 |
| | (v) Total gross expenditure | 25,056 | 1,191 | 26,247 |
| 2. | GROSS INCOME (including £NIL received from other local authorities) | 429 | 1,959 | 2,388 |
| 3. | NET COST | 24,627 | Cr 768 | 23,859 |
| 4. | Capital expenditure met from revenue (including above) | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| | UNIT COSTS | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| 5. | Gross cost per ton, labour only | 19. 6. | - - | 19. 6. |
| 6. | Gross cost per ton, transport only | 14. 8. | 1. 0. | 15. 8. |
| 7. | Net cost (all expenditure) per ton | 36. 1. | Cr 1. 1. | 35. 0. |
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| 8. | Net cost per 1,000 population | 499 | cr 15 | 484 |
| 9. | Net cost per 1,000 premises | 1,537 | Cr 48 | 1,489 |

* Excludes £1,495 - Cost of Dustbin Scheme.

PROVISION OF DUSTBINS

Under the scheme, dustbins are renewed as a rate charge and bins to new houses, including new Corporation houses are charged for.

| | <u>1959-60</u> | <u>1960-61</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Number of bins renewed | 1,311 | 1,043 |
| Bins provided to New Corporation Houses | 118 | 83 |
| Net cost as a Charge on the Rates | £1,495 | £1,337 |
| Equivalent to a Rate Charge of | .67d. | .6d. |

STREET CLEANSING

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Mileage of streets cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 63.75 (including 2.7 miles not adopted) |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|

Frequency of cleansing:-

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| (a) At least once daily | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9.15 per cent. |
| (b) Three to five times weekly | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12.44 " " |
| (c) Twice weekly | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31.64 " " |
| (d) Once weekly | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44.35 " " |
| (e) Less than once weekly | .. | ... | ... | ... | 2.42 " " |

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Percentage of street cleansing done by mechanical means | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60.35 " " |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|

COST STATEMENT

| Particulars | 1959 - 60 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| REVENUE ACCOUNT | Street Sweeping and Watering |
| GROSS EXPENDITURE: | £ |
| (i) Labour | 4,882 |
| (ii) Transport | 4,900 |
| (iii) Plant, equipment, buildings etc. ... | 263 |
| (iv) Other items | 260 |
| GROSS INCOME (excluding reimbursements from the Ministry of Transport and the County Council) | -- |
| NET COST | 10,305 |
| UNIT COSTS | |
| Net cost per street mile | 162 |
| Net cost per 1,000 population | 209 |

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

It gives some satisfaction to report a reduction in malicious damage to conveniences, probably due to efficient patrolling and police action.

COSTS FOR 1959 - 60

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| | £ |
| Labour | 1,035 |
| Maintenance | 78 |
| Light and Water | 350 |
| Transport | 80 |
| Vehicle Reserve | 100 |
| Loan Charges | 805 |
| Rates | 96 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 2,544 |
| Income | 164 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net Cost | 2,380 |

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

A. THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR, 1960

HOUSES

UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

| | |
|---|-----|
| Houses where no defects were found to exist | 75 |
| Houses where defects were found to exist | 343 |

| | |
|--|-----|
| <u>HOUSES INSPECTED UNDER HOUSING ACTS</u> | 457 |
|--|-----|

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| | |
|---|---|
| Number of houses inspected for Certificates of Disrepair | 4 |
|---|---|

| | |
|--|-----|
| TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES inspected during the year 1960 | 879 |
|--|-----|

| | |
|---|-------|
| REVISITS to houses for work in progress | 2,992 |
|---|-------|

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

| Nature | | Number of Inspections made |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Visits for offences under Shops Act (Closing Hours) | ... | 103 |
| Drains | ... ... | 539 |
| Public Sanitary Conveniences | ... | 284 |
| Slaughterhouses | ... ... | 1,976 |
| Foodstores | ... ... | 1,087 |
| Piggeries | ... ... | 5 |
| Factories and Outworkers | ... ... | 192 |
| Bakehouses | ... ... | 34 |
| Licensed Premises | ... ... | 93 |
| Van Dwellings | ... ... | 511 |
| Carbide Stores | ... ... | 8 |
| Petroleum Stores | ... ... | 480 |
| Smoke and Atmospheric Pollution | ... ... | 1,241 |
| Infectious Diseases | ... ... | 37 |
| Pet Animals Act | ... ... | 13 |
| Cinemas | ... ... | 18 |
| Rag Flock Act | ... ... | 5 |
| Wells and water supplies | ... ... | 9 |
| Food Poisoning | ... ... | 1 |

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

| Nature | | | Number of Inspections made |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| Watercourses | ... | ... | 102 |
| Ice-Cream Stores | ... | ... | 36 |
| Canteens, Cafes and Restaurants | ... | ... | 108 |
| Cellulose Stores | ... | ... | 54 |
| Street Cleansing | ... | ... | 567 |
| Water and sewage in cellars | ... | ... | 39 |
| Refuse Tips and Depots | ... | ... | 710 |
| Mortuaries | ... | ... | 92 |
| Survey under Housing Acts | ... | ... | 335 |
| Persons in need of care and attention | ... | ... | 45 |
| Accumulations | ... | ... | 97 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 950 |
| Markets and Food Stalls | ... | ... | 295 |
| Verminous persons and bedding | ... | ... | 9 |
| Public Cleansing | ... | ... | 70 |
| Schools | ... | ... | 1 |
| Swimming baths | ... | ... | 11 |
| Stables, Animals and Birds | ... | ... | 3 |
| Dirty premises | ... | ... | 45 |

INTERVIEWS WITH OWNERS, BUILDERS, Etc.

2,000

COMPLAINTS

Total Number of Complaints received during 1960

496

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1960

| Nature of defects or nuisances | Total number of defects remedied |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|

DWELLING HOUSES :

| | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <u>External</u> | Roofs | ... | ... | 116 |
| | Walls | ... | ... | 22 |
| | Chimneys | ... | ... | 6 |
| | Stability | ... | ... | 64 |
| | Paving | ... | ... | 10 |
| | Accumulations | ... | ... | 23 |
| <u>Internal</u> | Ceilings | ... | ... | 21 |
| | Walls | ... | ... | 23 |
| | Floors | ... | ... | 13 |
| | Fittings | ... | ... | 50 |
| | Stairs | ... | ... | 2 |
| | Dampness | ... | ... | 12 |
| | Water supply | ... | ... | 14 |
| | Dirty rooms | ... | ... | 42 |
| | Dirty utensils | ... | ... | 2 |
| | Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 2 |
| <u>Drains</u> | Repairs | ... | ... | 122 |
| <u>& W.C's</u> | Obstructions | ... | ... | 228 |
| | W.C. conversions | ... | ... | 8 |

FACTORIES :

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Roofs | ... | ... | 1 |
| Fittings | ... | ... | 3 |
| Light and ventilation | ... | ... | 6 |
| Water supply | ... | ... | 1 |
| Dirty rooms | ... | ... | 9 |
| Accumulations | ... | ... | 4 |
| Dust, Grit and Smoke | ... | ... | 7 |
| W.C. conversions | ... | ... | 4 |
| Additional W.C's | ... | ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 1 |
| Drainage repairs | ... | ... | 11 |
| Drainage obstructions | ... | ... | 12 |

SHOPS AND FOODSTORES :

| | | | |
|----------|-----|-----|---|
| Roofs | ... | ... | 3 |
| Walls | ... | ... | 2 |
| Ceilings | ... | ... | 1 |
| Floors | ... | ... | 9 |

Nature of defects or nuisances

Total number of
defects remedied

SHOPS AND FOODSTORES (Continued)

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|----|
| Fittings | ... | ... | 8 |
| Stairs | ... | ... | 1 |
| Stability | ... | ... | 4 |
| Light and ventilation | ... | ... | 5 |
| Water supply | ... | ... | 16 |
| Dirty rooms | ... | ... | 56 |
| Accumulations | ... | ... | 14 |
| Dust and grit protection | ... | ... | 36 |
| Refuse storage facilities | ... | ... | 3 |
| Wash Hands notices | ... | ... | 7 |
| First Aid Outfit | ... | ... | 9 |
| Cloakroom | ... | ... | 1 |
| Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations | | | 45 |
| Drainage repairs | ... | ... | 33 |
| Drainage obstructions | ... | ... | 1 |

FOOD PREPARATION, BAKEHOUSES,
CANTEENS AND RESTAURANTS

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|----|
| Roofs | ... | ... | 1 |
| Ceilings | ... | ... | 3 |
| Walls | ... | ... | 4 |
| Floors | ... | ... | 3 |
| Fittings | ... | ... | 14 |
| Light and ventilation | ... | ... | 1 |
| Water supply | ... | ... | 6 |
| Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations | | | 23 |
| Insufficient preparing rooms | ... | ... | 2 |
| Dirty rooms | ... | ... | 25 |
| Accumulations | ... | ... | 4 |
| Dirty utensils | ... | ... | 7 |
| Refuse storage facilities | ... | ... | 1 |
| Wash Hands notices | ... | ... | 2 |
| Cloakrooms | ... | ... | 2 |
| Drainage repairs | ... | ... | 2 |
| Drainage obstructions | ... | ... | 2 |

LICENSED PREMISES

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|---|
| Roofs | ... | ... | 1 |
| Walls | ... | ... | 2 |
| Stability | ... | ... | 1 |
| Walls | ... | ... | 3 |
| Floors | ... | ... | 1 |

LICENSED PREMISES (Continued)

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|----|
| Fittings | ... | ... | 9 |
| Light and ventilation | ... | ... | 3 |
| Water supply | ... | ... | 1 |
| Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations | | | 7 |
| Dirty rooms | ... | ... | 11 |
| Dust and grit protection | ... | ... | 1 |
| Refuse storage facilities | ... | ... | 1 |
| Wash Hands notices | ... | ... | 2 |
| First Aid Outfit | ... | ... | 2 |
| Additional W.C's | ... | ... | 4 |
| Drainage repairs | ... | ... | 31 |
| Drainage obstructions | ... | ... | 14 |

PIGGERIES AND STABLES :

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|---|
| Dirty | ... | ... | 6 |
| Accumulations | ... | ... | 2 |

SLAUGHTERHOUSES :

| | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|---|
| Dirty | ... | ... | 3 |
|-------|-----|-----|---|

PETROL STORES :

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Defective pumps | ... | ... | 27 |
| Defective hoses | ... | ... | 10 |
| Defective vent pipes | ... | ... | 7 |
| Defective covers and frames | ... | ... | 2 |
| Defective electrical appliances | ... | ... | 42 |
| Defective limiters | ... | ... | 37 |
| Insufficient fire extinguishers | ... | ... | 48 |
| NO SMOKING notices | ... | ... | 5 |
| Contravention of Regulations | ... | ... | 1 |
| Tanks tested | ... | ... | 8 |

CELLULOSE STORES :

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Insufficient fire extinguishers | ... | ... | 3 |
| NO SMOKING notices | ... | ... | 3 |
| Unsatisfactory storage | ... | ... | 4 |
| Contravention of Regulations | ... | ... | 1 |

CINEMAS :

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Defective electrical appliances | ... | ... | 5 |
| Inadequate lighting | ... | ... | 3 |

| Nature of defects or nuisances | | | Total number of defects remedied |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| CINEMAS (Continued) | | | |
| Inadequate fire escape | ... | ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 2 |
| PET SHOPS : | | | |
| Insufficient fire extinguishers | | ... | 1 |
| CARAVANS : | | | |
| Occupying land without a licence | | ... | 110 |
| PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE : | | | |
| Removed to hospital | ... | ... | 1 |

B. -- THE NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED

DURING THE YEAR 1960

(Distinguishing Statutory from Informal)

| | |
|--|-------|
| INFORMAL NOTICES on the books, 31st December, 1959 | 255 |
| FORMAL NOTICES on the books, 31st December, 1959 | 50 |
| INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1960 | 689 |
| FORMAL NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR 1960 | 110 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1,104 |
| | <hr/> |

C. -- THE RESULT OF THE SERVICE OF SUCH NOTICES

| | |
|---|-------|
| INFORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1960 which were outstanding 31st December, 1959 | 217 |
| INFORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1960 which were served during the year | 469 |
| FORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1960 which were outstanding 31st December, 1959 | 50 |
| FORMAL NOTICES complied with in 1960 which were served during the year | 75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 811 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF NOTICES on the books 31st December, 1960. | |
| FORMAL | 35 |
| INFORMAL | 258 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 293 |
| | <hr/> |

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--------|
| NUMBER of Dwellinghouses in the district | ... | ... | 15,560 |
| NUMBER of back-to-back houses included above | ... | ... | 31 |
| 1. <u>Inspections of dwellinghouses during the year 1960</u> | | | |
| (1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | ... | ... | 875 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | ... | ... | 3,867 |
| (2) (a) Number inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations | ... | ... | 151 |
| (b) Inspections made for the purpose | ... | ... | 2,196 |
| (3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | ... | ... | 151 |
| (4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive to those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | ... | ... | 343 |
| 2. <u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices</u> | | | |
| Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officer | ... | ... | 274 |
| 3. <u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year -</u> | | | |
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 Housing Act, 1957 :- | | | |
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | ... | ... | NIL |
| (2) Dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices | ... | ... | 2 |

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts -

| | | |
|--|-----|----|
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | ... | 96 |
|--|-----|----|

(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

| | | |
|---------------|-----|----|
| (a) By Owners | ... | 90 |
|---------------|-----|----|

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners | ... | 2 |
|---|-----|---|

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17 and 23 Housing Act, 1957

| | | |
|--|-----|----|
| (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | 57 |
|--|-----|----|

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| (2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | ... | 41 |
|---|-----|----|

| | | |
|--|-----|---|
| (3) Number of dwellinghouses demolished as a result of informal procedure under Sections 16 and 17 | ... | 2 |
|--|-----|---|

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| (4) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were served | ... | 1 |
|---|-----|---|

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|
| (5) Number of dwellinghouses closed | ... | 1 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| (6) Number of dwellinghouses for which undertakings to render houses fit were submitted and accepted by Council | ... | 6 |
|---|-----|---|

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| (7) Number of dwellinghouses made fit on undertakings accepted by the Council | ... | 2 |
|---|-----|---|

| | | |
|--|-----|---|
| (8) Number of undertakings not to use unfit houses for human habitation accepted | ... | 4 |
|--|-----|---|

(d) Proceedings under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957:-

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | ... | NIL |
|--|-----|-----|

(2) Number of separate tenements or other ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit

NIL

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960

Part A - CLEARANCE AREAS (Housing Acts 1936/57)

| | Number of dwelling-houses demolished in the period | | Number of persons displaced | Number of families |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | Unfit Houses | Other Houses | | |
| (1) Land coloured "Pink" | 42 | - | 258 | 84 |
| (2) Land coloured "Grey" | - | - | - | - |

PART B - HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

| | Number of | | Number of Families |
|--|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Houses | Persons displaced | |
| DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS | | | |
| (1) Housing Act, 1957: | | | |
| (a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) | 43 | 65 | 25 |
| (b) Houses closed in pursuance of an under- taking given by the owners under Section 16 and still in force | - | - | - |
| (c) Number of dwellinghouses closed on undertaking to convert back-to-back houses into through houses | - | - | - |
| (d) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders made (Section 17) | 1 | 6 | 1 |

The following ten Clearance Areas were represented during the year.

| Name of Area | Addresses | Number of houses |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Birmingham Road No. 2. 1960. | Birmingham Road, Nos. 16, 17, 18. | 3 |
| Halesowen Street No. 1. 1960. | Halesowen Street, Nos. 25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32, 33,34,35. | 11 |
| Halesowen Street No. 2. 1960. | Halesowen Street, Nos. 150,151,152,153. | 4 |
| Heath Street, No. 3. 1960. | Heath Street, Nos. 94, 97. | 2 |
| Heath Street No. 4. 1960. | Heath Street, Nos. 81,82,83,84,85. | 5 |
| Hollybush Street No. 2. 1960. | Hollybush Street, Nos. 41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48, 49,50. Meredith Street, Nos. 15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22, 23,24. | 20 |
| Station Road No. 1. 1960. | Station Road, Nos. 202,204. Lodgefield Road, Nos. 48,49,50,51,52,53. | 8 |
| Portway Hill No. 2. 1960. | Portway Hill, Nos. 202,210,212,214. | 4 |
| Wrights Lane No. 2. 1960. | Wrights Lane, Nos. 112,113,114. | 3 |
| Peartree Lane No. 1. 1960. | Peartree Lane, Nos. 26,27,28,29,30,30A, 34,35,36,37. | 10 |
| Total | | 70 |

The following 57 unfit houses have had Demolition Orders placed on them during 1960.

Halesowen Road, 1.
Cradley Road, 20, 32, 33.
Portway Hill, 111.
Powke Lane, 100.
Darby's Hill, 116.
Salop Street, 27, 29.
Dudley Road West, 20, 22, 30, 32, 34, 36, 91, 93, 95, 97.
Halesowen Street, 47, 48.
Riddins Street, 20.
Springfield Lane, 21, 21A, Bullfield Farm.
Upper High Street, 3, 4.
Heath Street, 52, 52A, 53, 72, 73.
Peartree Lane, 4, 5.
Waterfall Lane, 77.
Oak Street, 13, 14, 15.
Birchfield Lane, 375, 377.
Brook Lane, 23, 24.
Cherry Orchard, 84.
Forge Lane, 75.
Cox's Lane, 23, 27.
Short Street, 11, 12.
Portway Hill, 4.
Birmingham Road, 3, 4, 5.
Lodgefield Road, 21, 22.
Waterfall Lane, 123, 124, 125, 126.

Closing Orders made -

Birmingham Road, 68.

Undertakings accepted not to use unfit houses for habitation

Halesowen Road, Back 306.

High Street, Blackheath, Back 137.

Powke Lane, 105.

Reddal Hill Road, 87 (Flat)

Undertakings accepted to render unfit houses fit

Turner's Hill, Quarry House.

Halesowen Street, 132, 133.

Waterfall Lane, 21, 22, 23.

Local Authority owned houses certified as unfit by the
Medical Officer of Health.

Dudley Road, Springfield, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71,
143, 144, 145, 146.

The following houses were demolished during 1960:-

In Clearance Areas

Graingers Lane, 9, 10, 11.

Peartree Street, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39,
43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54,
55, 56, 64, 66, 71, 72.

Rowley Village, 44, 45, 46, 47.

Shepherds Fold, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

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Individual Unfit Houses

Corngreaves Road, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 104, 105.

Dudley Road West, 121, 125, 129.

Gadds Green, 1, 2.

George Avenue, 43.

Gorsty Hill, 85, 86.

Halesowen Road, Back 62.

High Street, Cradley Heath, 1 Stone Yard.

Mincing Lane, 46.

Providence Street, 22, 23, 24, 45, 46.

Terrace Street, 79.

Tipton Road, 6, 7.

Turner's Hill, 8 Diamond Cottages, 1, 2.

Upper Chapel Street, 1, 2, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35,
36, 37, 38, 39, 40.

43

85

Houses rendered fit in pursuance of undertakings

Graingers Lane, 70.

Newtown Lane, 25.

2

Houses Closed

Turner's Hill, Hailstone Farm (part)

1

PROGRESS IN SLUM CLEARANCE UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

Number of houses in 5 year programme - 895.

All the above houses are 'represented' under the Housing Act, 1957, and the Council are now proceeding with a Supplementary Programme. The re-housing and demolition progress is shown hereunder year by year, together with a summary.

1956 - FIRST YEAR OF THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME.

| <u>Clearance Areas</u> | <u>No. of houses</u> | <u>Houses vacated</u> | <u>Houses demol- ished</u> | <u>Date Orders confirmed</u> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Elbow Street | 4 | 4 | 4 | 19/6/1957. |
| Lower High Street (No. 2) | 6 | 6 | 6 | 28/8/1958. |
| Lower High Street (No. 3) | 14 | 13 | 5 | 14/4/1959. |
| Graingers Lane (No. 2) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5/7/1957. |
| Graingers Lane (No. 3) | 5 | 5 | 4 | 19/6/1957. |
| Foxoak Street | 4 | 4 | 4 | 19/6/1957. |
| Providence Street | 3 | 3 | 3 | 19/6/1957. |
| John Street | 5 | 5 | 5 | 19/6/1957. |
| Gorsty Hill | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6/6/1957. |
| Shepherd's Fold | 9 | 9 | 9 | 31/7/1957. |
| Dudley Road, Rowley Regis (No. 2) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5/9/1957. |
| Dudley Road, Rowley Regis (No. 3) | 6 | 6 | 6 | 21/6/1957. |
| Rowley Village (No. 5) | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7/8/1957. |
| Rowley Village (No. 6) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6/8/1957. |
| <u>Individual Unfit Houses:</u> | 29 | 28 | 25 | January to September, 1956. |
| <u>Houses included in pre 1955 Action:</u> | 72 | 66 | 58 | Pre 1955 |
| <u>Totals</u> | <u>181</u> | <u>173</u> | <u>153</u> | |

1957 - SECOND YEAR OF THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME.

| <u>Clearance Areas</u> | <u>No. of houses</u> | <u>Houses vacated</u> | <u>Houses demol- ished</u> | <u>Date Orders confirmed</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Peartree Street | 37 | 31 | 26 | 10/3/1959. |
| Tippity Green | 12 | 11 | - | To purchas by agreement. |
| Hawes Lane | 7 | 7 | 7 | 16/12/1958 |
| Brades Row | 15 | 15 | 15 | Sept. 1958 |
| <u>Individual Unfit Houses:</u> | *72 | *71 | 57 | October 1956 to October 1957. |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| Totals | 143 | 135 | 105 | |

| | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------|
| Undertakings to render fit | - | 3 |
| Houses closed | - | 2 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 5 |
| | | <hr/> |

*Figures include houses closed and houses subject to undertakings.

1958 - THIRD YEAR OF THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME

| <u>Clearance Areas</u> | <u>No. of houses</u> | <u>Houses vacated</u> | <u>Houses demol- ished</u> | <u>Date Orders confirmed</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Brook Lane | 12 | 11 | - | 30/10/1959. |
| Corngreaves Road | 4 | - | - | - |
| Ross (No. 1) | 9 | - | - | 7/6/1960. |
| Ross (No. 2) | 3 | - | - | 27/6/1960. |
| Siviter's Lane (No. 2) | 3 | - | - | 23/6/1959. |
| Church Road | 4 | 3 | - | 13/1/1959. |
| Springfield Lane (No. 3) | 9 | 9 | - | 29/8/1959. |
| Springfield Lane (No. 4) | 58 | 29 | - | 12/1/1960. |
| Springfield Lane (No. 5) | 17 | 4 | - | 12/1/1960. |
| High Street, Old Hill | 5 | - | - | 23/12/1959 |
| <u>Individual Unfit Houses</u> | *95 | *86 | 49 | January 1958 to January 1959. |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| Totals | 219 | 142 | 49 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |

Undertakings to render fit - 4
Houses closed - 3

*Figures include houses closed and houses subject to Undertakings.

1959 - FOURTH YEAR OF THE FIVE YEARS PROGRAMME.

| <u>Clearance Areas</u> | <u>No. of houses</u> | <u>Houses vacated</u> | <u>Houses demol- ished</u> | <u>Date Orders confirmed</u> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Birmingham Road (No. 1) | 8 | - | - | - |
| Causeway (No. 1) | 5 | - | - | - |
| Dudley Road West (No. 1) | 8 | - | - | - |
| Halesowen Road (No. 2) | 5 | - | - | - |
| Heath Street (No. 1) | 29 | - | - | - |
| Heath Street (No. 2) | 8 | - | - | - |
| Hill Passage (No. 1) | 14 | - | - | - |
| Oldbury Road (No. 4) | 7 | - | - | - |
| Perry's Lake (No. 1) | 31 | 2 | - | - |
| Queen Street, Cradley Heath (No. 2) | 18 | - | - | - |
| St. Anne's Road (No. 1) | 4 | - | - | - |
| <u>Individual Unfit Houses</u> | *58 | 21 | 6 | December 1958 to August 1959. |
| Totals | 195 | 23 | 6 | |

* Includes 2 undertakings to repair.

1960 - FIFTH YEAR OF THE FIVE YEARS PROGRAMME.

| <u>Clearance Areas</u> | <u>No. of houses</u> | <u>Houses vacated</u> | <u>Houses demol- ished</u> | <u>Date Orders confirmed</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Birmingham Road (No. 2) | 3 | - | - | - |
| Halesowen Street (No. 1) | 11 | - | - | - |
| Halesowen Street (No. 2) | 4 | - | - | - |
| Heath Street (No. 3) | 2 | - | - | - |
| Heath Street (No. 4) | 5 | - | - | - |
| Hollybush Street (No. 2) | 20 | - | - | - |
| Station Road (No. 1) | 8 | - | - | - |
| Portway Hill (No. 2) | 4 | - | - | - |
| Wright's Lane (No. 2) | 3 | - | - | - |
| Peartree Lane (No. 1) | 10 | - | - | - |
| <u>Individual Unfit Houses</u> | 87 | 4 | - | October 1959 to November 1960. |
| Totals | 157 | 4 | - | |

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRESS SUMMARY

| Programme Year | Houses | Re-housed | Demolished |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| <u>FIRST YEAR:</u> | | | |
| Clearance Areas | 80 | 79 | 70 |
| Individual Unfit Houses | 29 | 28 | 25 |
| Houses in pre 1955 action | 72 | 66 | 58 |
| <u>SECOND YEAR:</u> | | | |
| Clearance Areas | 71 | 64 | 48 |
| Individual Unfit Houses | 72 | 71 | 62 |
| <u>THIRD YEAR:</u> | | | |
| Clearance Areas | 124 | 56 | - |
| Individual Unfit Houses | 95 | 86 | 56 |
| <u>FOURTH YEAR:</u> | | | |
| Clearance Areas | 137 | 2 | - |
| Individual Unfit Houses | 58 | 21 | 6 |
| <u>FIFTH YEAR:</u> | | | |
| Clearance Areas | 70 | - | - |
| Individual Unfit Houses | 87 | 4 | - |
| | 895 | 477 | 325 |

RENT ACT, 1957.

1st JANUARY to 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

PART 1 - APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

| | | | | |
|----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. | Number of applications for certificates | ... | ... | 4 |
| 2. | Number of decisions not to issue certificates | ... | ... | NIL |
| 3. | Number of decisions to issue certificates | ... | ... | 4 |
| | (a) in respect of some but not all defects | ... | ... | 4 |
| | (b) in respect of all defects | ... | ... | NIL |
| 4. | Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule | ... | ... | 2 |
| 5. | Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule | ... | ... | NIL |
| 6. | Number of Certificates issued | ... | ... | 4 |

PART II - APPLICATIONS FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES

| | | | | |
|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 7. | Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates | ... | ... | 3 |
| 8. | Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates | ... | ... | 1 |
| 9. | Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection | ... | ... | NIL |
| 10. | Certificates cancelled by Local Authority | ... | ... | 2 |

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Disinfestation has been carried out at seventeen houses; for bugs (2) beetles (11) fleas (1) and other insects (3).

It has also been necessary to treat a tip for flies and a factory for beetles.

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Visits made concerning the above | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Inspections for tenancy allocations of Council houses | ... | ... | ... | 376 |

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of In- spections | Number of Written Notices | Number of Occupiers Prosecuted |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities | 13 | 33 | - | - |
| 2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority | 394 | 159 | 10 | - |
| 3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises) | 16 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 423 | 192 | 10 | - |

2. CASES WHERE DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted |
|---|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred | | |
| | | | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| a. Insufficient | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| b. Unsuitable or defective | 40 | 41 | - | 4 | - |
| c. Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) | 7 | 11 | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 48 | 53 | - | 4 | - |

PART VIII of the ACA

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

| | SECTION 110 | | SECTION 111 | |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------|
| | No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served |
| Iron and Steel cables and chains | 6 | - | - | - |
| Wearing apparel (making) | 3 | - | - | - |
| Carding of buttons etc | 5 | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 14 | - | - | - |

FIRE ESCAPE CERTIFICATES FOR FACTORIES

Four certificates have been granted during the year.

This service is now administered by the Fire Brigade which would appear to be proper and logical. Nevertheless the Council can be satisfied that this Borough was one of the few in the Country with an up-to-date record of inspections and certificate issues. It was an onerous duty performed conscientiously and with the safety of employees in the local factories as the prime consideration.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Work in food hygiene is proceeding smoothly and without any outstanding difficulties.

FOOD PREMISES

Numbers in the Borough of:

| | | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| (1) | Butchers Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 55 |
| (2) | Cafes and Restaurants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| (3) | Confectioners | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| (4) | Cooked Meat Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| (5) | Fried Fish Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| (6) | Wet Fish Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| (7) | Grocers Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 115 |
| (8) | Sweet Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 |
| (9) | Licensed Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 130 |
| (10) | Greengrocers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 53 |
| (11) | Bakehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| (12) | Sweet Manufacturers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| (13) | Mineral Water Manufacturers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | | 490 |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> |

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

| | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) | Ice-Cream Retailers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 192 |
| (2) | Ice-Cream Manufacturers (Cold Mix) | | | ... | ... | 3 |
| (3) | Sausage etc. Manufacturers | | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| (4) | Cooked Meat Preparers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32 |

Carried Forward - 238

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | | Brought Forward | - | 238 |
| (5) | Fish Frying | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| (6) | Jam Manufacturers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (7) | Potato Crisp Manufacturers | | | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | | 271 |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> |

MEAT INSPECTION

Twenty nine slaughtermen's licences were renewed during the year.

The Report on Slaughtering Facilities submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has been accepted by him and all slaughterhouses must conform to the new Regulations by 1st January, 1963.

Already considerable work has been done towards this end and great credit must be accorded to the butchers of the district for co-operation, and for their determination to perpetuate the craft of slaughtering and preparing animals for human consumption in a humane and hygienic manner. I have always been convinced that with enthusiasm on the part of the butcher and adequate supervision by the Public Health Inspector the private slaughterhouse has an important role to play in supplying the nation with a quality food.

The following summaries indicate the number and types of animals slaughtered, together with the diseased conditions encountered.

| | Cattle excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs | Totals |
|---|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| Number killed | 1,212 | 102 | 112 | 6,422 | 2,886 | 10,734 |
| Number inspected | 1,212 | 102 | 112 | 6,422 | 2,886 | 10,734 |
| ALL diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses surrendered | - | 1 | - | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was surrendered | 150 | 32 | 1 | 71 | 328 | 582 |
| Percentage of the No. inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis | 12.3 | 32.3 | .9 | 1.1 | 11.4 | 5.5 |
| Tuberculosis only: | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses surrendered | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was surrendered | 8 | - | - | - | 55 | 63 |
| Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis | .7 | - | - | - | 1.9 | .6 |
| Cysticercosis: | | | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was surrendered | 15 | 2 | - | - | - | 17 |
| Carcases submitted to refrigeration | 15 | 2 | - | - | - | 17 |
| Generalized and totally condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |

CATTLE OTHER THAN COWS

Parts surrendered with diseases

| | C | H & T | L | H | Lv | I & M | K | O |
|---------------------------|---|-------|----|---|-----|-------|---|---|
| Tuberculosis | - | 4 | 3 | - | 4 | 1 | - | 3 |
| Abscesses | - | 2 | - | - | 20 | - | - | - |
| Fascioliasis | - | - | 1 | - | 66 | - | - | - |
| Cirrhosis | - | - | - | - | 13 | - | - | - |
| Pericarditis | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Pleurisy and Pneumonia | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcinoma | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Bruising | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Echinococcus | - | - | 7 | - | 7 | - | - | 3 |
| C. Bovis | - | 8 | 1 | 7 | - | - | - | - |
| Actinobacillosis | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Actinomycosis | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fatty Degeneration | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Haemangiomata | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Melanosis | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Emphysema | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | - | 23 | 21 | 8 | 116 | 1 | - | 9 |

C = Carcases
 H & T = Head and Tongue
 L = Lungs
 H = Heart
 Lv = Liver
 I & M = Intestines and Mesentery
 K = Kidneys
 O = Other parts

COWS

Parts surrendered with diseases

| | C | H & T | L | H | Lv | I & M | K | U | O |
|--------------------|---|-------|---|---|----|-------|---|---|---|
| Tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Abscesses | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Emphysema | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fascioliasis | - | - | - | - | 14 | - | - | - | - |
| Haemangiomata | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | - |
| Pleurisy | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pericarditis | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pyrexia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Echinococcus Cysts | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Xanthosis | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fatty Degeneration | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| C. Bovis | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| TOTALS | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 23 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

C = Carcases
 H & T = Head and Tongue
 L = Lungs
 H = Heart
 Lv = Liver
 I & M = Intestines and Mesenteries
 K = Kidneys
 U = Udders
 O = Other parts

CALVES

| Diseases | C | H | L | H | Lv | K | O |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|
| Pleurisy | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |

SHEEP

| Diseases | C | H | L | H | Lv | K | O |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|
| Emaciation | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Fascioliasis | - | - | - | - | 57 | - | - |
| Congestion | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| Oedema | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Necrosis | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Peritonitis | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Echinococcus | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| Pneumonia | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 63 | 4 | - |

C = Carcases
 H = Head
 L = Lungs
 H = Heart
 Lv = Liver
 K = Kidneys
 O = Other parts

| Diseases | C | H | L | H | Lv | K | I | O |
|--------------------------|---|----|-----|----|----|---|---|---|
| Tuberculosis | - | 54 | - | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| Pneumonia and Congestion | - | - | 260 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pleurisy | - | - | 23 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pericarditis | - | - | - | 32 | - | - | - | - |
| Peritonitis | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Hydronephrosis | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Fatty Infiltration | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Cirrhosis | - | - | - | - | 22 | - | - | - |
| Enteritis | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Emaciation | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Abscesses | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bruising | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| TOTALS | 2 | 57 | 285 | 34 | 30 | 5 | 5 | 1 |

C = Carcasses
 H = Heads
 L = Lungs
 H = Hearts
 Lv = Livers
 K = Kidneys
 I = Intestines
 O = Other parts

| Year | Tuberculosis discovered in Percentages | | |
|------|--|------|------|
| | Cattle excluding Cows | Cows | Pigs |
| 1954 | 5.3 | 28.0 | 2.2 |
| 1955 | 5.1 | 17.9 | 1.7 |
| 1956 | 5.1 | 20.1 | 1.9 |
| 1957 | 3.0 | 22.3 | 2.2 |
| 1958 | 2.9 | 12.0 | 4.9 |
| 1959 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 1.7 |
| 1960 | .7 | NIL | 1.9 |

WEIGHT OF MEAT SURRENDERED

| | | | <u>Tons.</u> | <u>Cwts.</u> | <u>Qrs.</u> | <u>lbs.</u> |
|---------|-------------------------|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| BEEF: | Carcase Meat | ... | | 11. | 1. | 27. |
| | Offal | ... | 1. | 2. | 2. | 17. |
| MUTTON: | Carcase Meat | ... | | | 2. | 16. |
| | Offal | ... | | 1. | 2. | 15. |
| PORK: | Carcase Meat | ... | | 2. | 3. | 6. |
| | Offal (including heads) | | | 10. | 1. | 20. |
| TOTAL | | | 2. | 9. | 2. | 17. |

UNFIT FOODSTUFFS OTHER THAN BUTCHERS MEAT

SURRENDERED AND DESTROYED

| | | | | | | <u>lbs.</u> |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Tinned fish | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20¼ |
| " fruit | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 225 |
| " meat | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,095 |
| " milk | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| " soup | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1¾ |
| " vegetables | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 79¾ |
| " puddings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Cheese | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30½ |
| Bacon | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Flour | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4½ |
| Meat | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44½ |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | 1,532¼ |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |

MILK SUPPLY

No principal licences have been issued.

The following licences have been granted:-

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Supplementary, Pasteurised | ... | ... | 13 |
| Supplementary, Sterilised | ... | ... | 14 |
| Dealers Licences, Pasteurised | ... | ... | 8 |
| Dealers Licences, Sterilised | ... | ... | 146 |

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING 1960

The County Council, acting for and on behalf of the Borough took 305 samples of food as shown below:-

| <u>MILK</u> | <u>No. of Samples</u> | <u>No. Adulterated</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Pasteurised | 14 | - |
| Sterilised | 14 | - |
| T. T. Pasteurised | 24 | - |
| | <u>52</u> | <u>-</u> |

| <u>GENERAL FOODS</u> | <u>No. of Samples</u> | <u>No. Adulterated</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | 253 | 10 |

ACTION TAKEN ON UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Type of Sample</u> | <u>Nature</u> | <u>Action</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 1. Chopped Cooked Ham in slices | Formal | 22.5% deficient of meat, containing 73.6% instead of 95% | Labels amended to add the words "In Jelly" |
| 2. Ham and Chicken | Formal | 8.8% deficient of meat, containing 86.6% instead of 95% | Labels amended to read "Ham and Chicken Luncheon" |
| 3. Custard Powder | Formal | Contained 1.0% of added salt not included in the stated composition. | Labels amended. |
| 4. Minced Beef and Onions | Informal | Contained only 52% meat and should be described as "Minced Beef and Onions with Gravy." | Matter under discussion with the packers. |

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Type of Sample</u> | <u>Nature</u> | <u>Action</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| 5. Dried Mixed Sweet Herbs | Formal | Contained an ingredient not listed, probably Cistus Albidus and fragments of mould. | Old stock - withdrawn from sale. |
| 6. Dairy Buttermints | Formal | Actually were Butter Drops. | Accidentally wrongly labelled by retailer. |
| 7. Dairy Buttermints | Informal | Contained only 3.5% butter fat instead of 4% minimum. | Formal repeat sample genuine. |
| 8. Cream Slices | Formal | Filling consisted of imitation cream. | Repeat sample genuine. Shop now closed. |
| 9. Black Beer (Spruce Beer) | Formal | Described as none intoxicant but contained 10.2% Proof Spirit. | Matter referred to Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. |
| 10. Chicken Pork and Veal Sausages | Formal | Contained significant amount of cereal filler not included in list of ingredients and chicken stock not being major ingredient should not be listed first. | Labels amended. |

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following particulars of the examination of milk samples taken during the year:-

| <u>Bacteriological Tests</u> - | | <u>Satisfactory</u> | <u>Unsatisfactory</u> |
|---|-----|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) | ... | 63 | - |
| Pasteurised | ... | 32 | - |
| Sterilised | ... | 34 | - |
| Pasteurised (From Schools and School Canteens) | ... | 51 | - |

FOOD POISONING

There were no outbreaks of food poisoning during the year. A single case reported was ascribed to the consumption of a meal in another town but the agent was not identified.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM Etc.

A considerable amount of time is spent on these duties and I am grateful for the co-operation of the Fire Brigade in giving an efficient service.

Progress is being made by the West Midlands Group, of which this Council is a Member, in standardising action by all Authorities and this is proving most useful to the Health Department and the Petrol Industry alike.

The following licences have been granted:-

| | | <u>Premises</u> | <u>Gallons</u> |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------------|----------------|
| Petroleum Spirit | ... | 116 | 152,825 |
| Rubber Solvent | ... | 1 | 1,000 |
| Rubber Solution | ... | 2 | 102 |
| Cellulose Paint & Mixtures | | 18 | 1,633 |
| | | <u>137</u> | <u>155,560</u> |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Carbide of Calcium | ... | <u>Premises</u> | <u>Tons.</u> | <u>Cwts.</u> | <u>Qrs.</u> | <u>lbs.</u> |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|

PUBLIC MORTUARY

A total of 41 bodies were admitted during 1960. The cost of this service for the financial year 1959 - 60 is given below:

| | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
| | | | | £ |
| Labour | ... | ... | ... | 187 |
| Building Maintenance | | ... | ... | 28 |
| Rates and Loan Charges | | ... | ... | <u>63</u> |
| | | | | 278 |
| | | | | <u><u>278</u></u> |

RAG FLOCK ACT

Eleven samples were taken during the year and all were satisfactory.

PROSECUTIONS 1960

Public Health Act, 1936

| | <u>Offence</u> | <u>Result</u> |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Sec. 58. | Dangerous chimney. | Withdrawn on payment of costs. Work done. |
| 2. Secs. 39, 45, 83 and 93. | Obstructed drain Defective W.C. Dirty house House defects | Fined £5 in each case. Nuisance Order made. |
| 3. Sec. 83. | Dirty house | Fined £5. Advocates fee £5. Daily penalty £2. |
| 4. Sec. 93. | House defects | Nuisance Order. Costs 8/- |

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

| | | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5. Sec. 2. | Glass splinters in milk bottle. | Fined £40. 12. 6. including costs. |
| 6. Sec. 8. | Dirt in bottle of whole orange drink. | Fined £10. |

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Steady progress in the reduction of industrial smoke and fumes can be recorded for 1960 and to that end the following works have been carried out:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|
| Coal furnaces converted to oil firing | - | 13 |
| Coal furnaces converted to burn coke | - | 16 |
| Oil preheater provided to furnace | - | 1 |
| Forced draught provided to furnace | - | 1 |
| Dust and Grit Arrestors fitted | - | 3 |

As mentioned in my opening remarks no parallel progress can be claimed in the reduction of domestic pollution as the Council remain firm in their resolve to have no Smoke Control Areas. This in spite of the fact that all neighbouring Authorities are now committed to a programme of Smoke Control.

The report of the expert Working Party to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Standing Conference on the Deposit Gauge and Lead Dioxide instrument although not entirely unexpected is to be regretted with reference to its findings that "the lead dioxide method is not sufficiently precise to meet modern national requirements and it is probably only in special circumstances that they still have even local value". Also that the Deposit Gauge is of purely local value. Accordingly the Council have withdrawn their lead dioxide instruments and will in future use the soot deposit gauge to assess local industrial pollution.

In future reports no chart will be included on SO₂ readings.

TONS PER SQUARE MILE - SOLIDS DEPOSITED DURING

THE LAST SEVEN YEARS

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u> | <u>TOTAL DEPOSITS</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | * <u>OLD HILL</u> | ! <u>BLACKHEATH</u> |
| 1954 | 20.09 | 14.06 |
| 1955 | 17.51 | 14.36 |
| 1956 | 16.22 | 14.47 |
| 1957 | 15.94 | 12.99 |
| 1958 | 15.06 | 12.17 |
| 1959 | 15.27 | 12.13 |
| 1960 | 17.11 | 16.04 |

* Low-Lying Industrial Area.

! Higher Ground - Mainly Residential.

| 1960 Month | Total solids per sq. mile in Tons | | Rainfall in Inches | SO ₃ in Milligrams per 100 sq. Centimetres | | Seasonal Average SO ₃ in Mg. per 100 sq. C.M. |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---|------------|--|
| | Old Hill | Blackheath | | Old Hill | Blackheath | |
| JANUARY | 20.64 | 17.16 | 5.28 | 5.54 | 3.43 | Summer - Apl - Sept. (incl) |
| FEBRUARY | 12.22 | 11.95 | 1.77 | 5.19 | 3.74 | |
| MARCH | 11.75 | 11.39 | 1.34 | 5.10 | 4.92 | Old Hill 2.21 |
| APRIL | 13.25 | Broken | 0.83 | 3.93 | 2.04 | Blackheath 1.25 |
| MAY | 21.78 | 23.20 | 1.16 | 1.36 | .78 | Winter - Jan - Mar. and Oct. - Dec. (incl) |
| JUNE | 14.04 | 10.81 | 1.24 | 1.37 | .79 | |
| JULY | 12.11 | 16.96 | 3.39 | 1.90 | 1.80 | Old Hill 5.21 |
| AUGUST | 11.89 | 12.23 | 2.95 | 2.43 | 0.94 | |
| SEPTEMBER | 14.74 | 8.54 | 4.24 | 2.30 | 1.43 | Blackheath 4.23 |
| OCTOBER | 20.18 | 17.26 | 5.24 | 4.78 | 2.95 | |
| NOVEMBER | 30.11 | 31.89 | 4.11 | 7.03 | 4.77 | |
| DECEMBER | 22.60 | 15.00 | 2.92 | 3.60 | 5.58 | |
| Monthly Average | 17.11 | 16.04 | 2.87 | 3.71 | 2.76 | |

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for 12 Months Ended 31st December, 1960

| | Type of Property | | | All other (including business & industrial | Total |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|
| | Local Auth- crity | Dwelling houses | Agricul- tural | | |
| 1. Total No. of properties in Local Authority's district. | 15 | 15,560 | 5 | 1,591 | 17,171 |
| 2. No. of properties inspected by the Local Authority as a result of | | | | | |
| (a) notification | a 10 | 196 | - | 28 | 234 |
| (b) survey under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 | b 1 | 65 | - | 14 | 80 |
| (c) otherwise e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose. | c 15 | 1,255 | - | N/A * | 1,270 |
| 3. No. of properties inspected (under 2) which were found to be infested with rats. | Major - Minor 11 | - - 184 | - - - | - - 28 | - - 223 |
| 4. No. of properties inspected (under 2) which were found to be infested by mice. | Minor - | 77 | - | 14 | 91 |
| 5. No. of infested properties (under 3 & 4) treated by the Local Authority. | 11 | 261 | - | 42 | 314 |
| 6. No. of notices served under Sec 4: | | | | | |
| 1. Treatment | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2. Structural works (proofing) | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7. No. of Block Control Schemes carried out. | - | - | - | - | - |

N/A * Figures not available.



